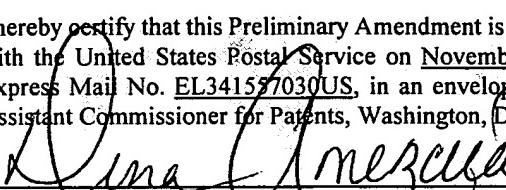


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UNIT AND VALVE TO THE BOTTOM)	
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HEATING FOOD OR BEVERAGE)	
CONTAINERS)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the Divisional Application filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows: